Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

On February 29, 1996, the Commission received an application from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. to amend its Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange service. AT&T intends to offer basic residential exchange service, residential custom and CLASS features, basic business exchange services, business custom calling and CLASS features and business and residence ancillary services. AT&T's ability to offer these services will depend on the results of its negotiations with incumbent local exchange carriers concerning interconnection and operational matters. AT&T will provide local exchange service on a resale or facilities basis, or a combination of both. The precise manner in which AT&T will provide local exchange service in South Dakota depends on the results of negotiations with incumbent local exchange carriers. On February 29, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 15, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

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The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-5, 49-31-5.1, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-12, 49-31-15, 49-31-17, 49-31-18, and 49-31-21, and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05

DCT, USWC, SDITC and TCI Communications of Denver, CO, filed to intervene on or before March 15, 1996. A regularly scheduled meeting of April 2, 1996, the Commission granted intervention to the

petitioners. On April 3, 1996, the Commission received a motion from U S WEST to amend its petition to intervene. A regularly scheduled meeting of April 23, 1996, the Commission denied U S WEST's motion to amend its petition to intervene. A regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 1996, the Commission granted intervention to MCI Communications Corporation (MCI). On May 23, 1996, Black Hills Corporation (Black Hills) filed a late filed petition to intervene in this matter. The Commission, a regularly scheduled May 28, 1996 meeting, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, found that denial of Black Hills' petition would be detrimental to the public interest and that Black Hills should be allowed to intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition for Late Filed Intervention of Black Hills is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

By Delaine Kolbo

JAMES A. BURG,
Commissioner

Date: June 10, 1996

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